

Borough House: HayWain
State Route 261
Stateburg
Sumter County
South Carolina

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

Borough House, Haybarn

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Location: On the grounds of the Borough House plantation complex on west side of State Route 261, 0.8 mile north of intersection of Route 261 and State Route 76-378; Stateburg, Sumter County, South Carolina

U.S.G.S. Wedgefield, SC 7.5 Minute Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Coordinates:
17.543000.3756960

Present Owner: Mrs. Richard K. Anderson
The Borough House
RFD 3 Box 276
Sumter, South Carolina 29154

Present Use: storage

Significance: The haybarn is a dependency of the Borough House plantation complex and is typical of several wooden barns on the property which survive from pre-automotive operations or the plantation.

The Borough House complex was listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Stateburg Historic District in 1971 and as an individual site in 1972.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

NOTE: Background material and site history for the haybarn may be found in data pages for the Borough House, Stateburg, Sumter County, South Carolina, HABS No. SC-362. Data specific to the barn follows below.

The haybarn was erected at an unknown date (presumably in the nineteenth century) by unknown carpenters. Measuring approximately 16'-0" x 24'-0" and standing about 19'-0" above grade, the building frame is of nailed or pegged construction resting on heavy timber sills, which in turn are supported up off the ground by pillars of mortared fieldstones. Wooden clapboarding is nailed to the frame, space being left between each clapboard to provide air circulation. The entire structure is wooden, except for the sheet metal roof, and the exterior walls and roof are painted venetian red, white being used for the door casing and cornerpost trim. The barn contains a main floor and a

loft; access to the former can be had by two doors, one on the north side, the other on the west. The loft can be reached by an interior ladder or through the loft door above the main north door. The building currently contains hay and miscellaneous items. Though Mrs. Anderson keeps no horses, the building is actively maintained, and no additions or alterations to the structure (other than replacement of parts under normal maintenance) are known to have been made.

Situated just beyond the southern allee, the haybarn faces a pecan orchard in the southwest quadrant of the eighteenth century formal garden. Before the pecan trees were planted, the orchard served as a horse pasture for years, and was still used as such until the 1960s. The building is part of a small complex at the southern end of the Borough House grounds consisting of three barns, two stables, a carriage house, and a concrete foundation for an unfinished structure of unknown purpose. All of these buildings are of wooden construction and still contain wagons, a carriage, and other things once used on the plantation.